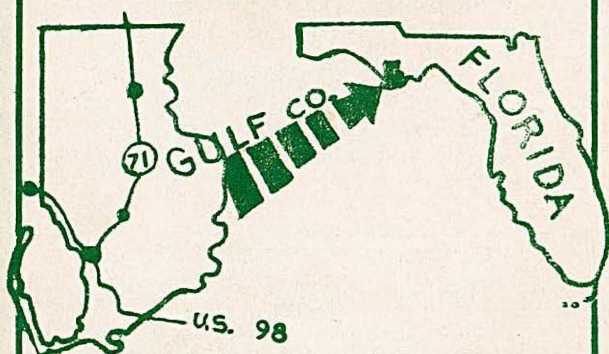


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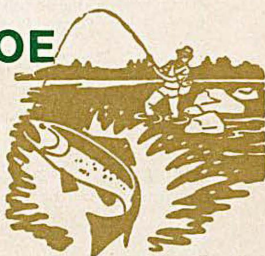
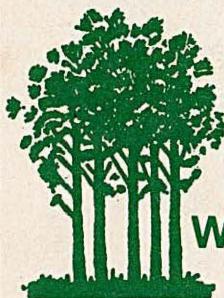
JUNE 6-14, 1975



GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

"Where the Pine is King. . .
and Fun Supreme"

PORT ST. JOE



WEWAHITCHKA

**MEXICO
BEACH**



Gulf County

ABOUT ACCOMODATIONS

Excellent housing facilities can be provided either in Gulf County or in the surrounding areas, providing you with a pleasant short scenic ride to the big festivities. The Golden Anniversary Housing Committee will be happy to assist you in finding suitable accomodations. Just fill out the request form and mail for greatest ease in meeting your needs. We would urge you to make your reservations as early as possible in order to be housed as near the main activities areas as possible and in order to secure the accomodations most suited to your needs. The Housing Committee will forward your request to the facility meeting your requirements. Your request will be acknowledged by the proper facility within two weeks at which time a confirmation and request for deposit, along with other information will be sent directly to you. A three day minimum is required on week ends for the beaches area. Cut off date for mail reservations is May 20, 1975.

Rates for accomodations vary in the area depending upon location, number of people, type of accomodations, services offered, etc. Generally rates run between \$15-\$35 daily. There are many camping facilities in the area offering a large variety of accomodations. \$4.00 per day up, depending upon services rendered and locale is the general rule.

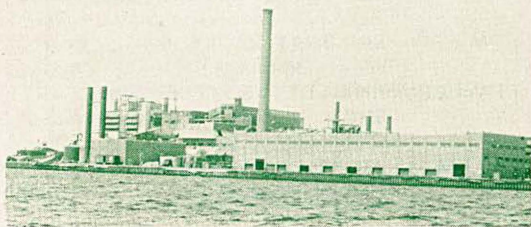
Um. . .Um. . .GOOD

Gulf County and surrounding area is noted for its succulent sea food. Many times while here, you will want to gorge yourself upon "world famous" Apalachicola Bay oysters, delicious bay and gulf shrimp, many varieties of fresh fish, tasty scallops, and spicy deviled crabs. All prepared in the most appetizing manner.

Every effort will be made to provide plenty of food for everyone without long waiting lines. Professional caterers with the right equipment and know-how will make your dining a real treat. Local restaurants will cater to your special tastes.

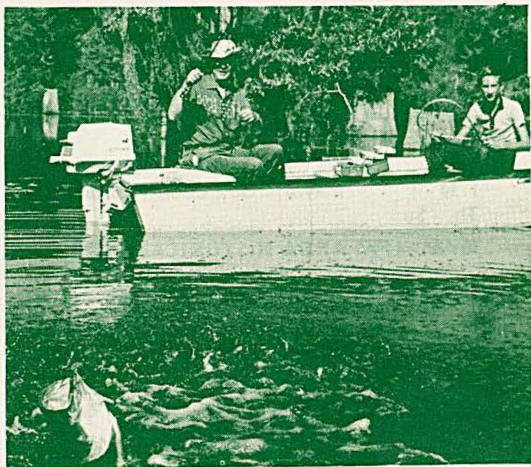
HISTORICAL SKETCH

- Gulf County was carved out of Calhoun County on June 6, 1925 making it one of Florida's youngest counties. Written history dates back to 1498 when Amerigo (Americus) Vespucci, along with other Italian, Spanish and Portugese conquistadors explored the region.
- Spanish sites have been found that predate the founding of St. Augustine indicating Spanish interest in the area in the early 1500's. French involvement of the early 1700's is evidenced by Fort Crevecoure. English influence was most evident in the early 1800's. Control of the area constantly changed hands.
- St. Joseph, 1835-1841, has much historical significance, being the site of Florida's first Constitutional Convention in 1838, and of the state's first and third steam railroads. The town's demise by yellow fever, fire, and storm ended an important era.
- Salt works along beautiful St. Joseph's Bay made a great contribution to the Confederacy during the Civil War.
- Wewahitchka was founded in 1875. However, earlier during the Indian Wars, Jehu Cemetery had served as a grouping location for General Andrew Jackson. Fort Place, built as a bulwark against Indian attacks was a fore-runner of Wewahitchka.
- Modern day Port St. Joe was founded in 1903. Construction of St. Joe Paper Company's huge plant in 1935 brought about a re-birth of the area.



GULF COUNTY TODAY

- Today, Gulf County is a thriving, growing area of industrial and recreational resources with nostalgic reminders of a glorious past and a promising future.
- Port St. Joe, Wewahitchka and Mexico Beach, principal municipalities in the area abide peacefully in the "Last Frontier", away from the hustle and bustle of large cities. The quietness and serenity of the area is in keeping with the leisurely pace of the friendly citizens.
- Wewahitchka lies on the famous Dead Lakes and is often called the "fishing capital" of the world, and rightly so. Fishing in the many lakes, rivers and streams is at its best. The community with a heart welcomes you.
- Port St. Joe, "Constitution City", located on beautiful St. Joseph's Bay is the heart of county industry. Busy as a bee but with peaceful dignity, permits maximum utilization of the vast stores of natural resources.
- Mexico Beach at the western edge of Gulf County has miles of "Miracle Strip-World's Safest Beaches." Motels, rental units, and recreational vehicle parks are available. Water sports and all types of fishing are supported by marinas, piers and charter boats.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT,
THE FOLLOWING EVENTS WILL
BE PRESENTED DAILY

Time	Event and Sponsor	Place
9 AM - 6 PM	COUNTY WIDE SALE (except Sunday), Retail Merchants Association..... Wewahitchka, Port St. Joe, Mexico Beach	
9 AM - 9 PM	SALT WATER FISHING RODEO, (starts April 1), Mexico Beach Chamber of Com- merce Mexico Beach	
9 AM - 9 PM	FRESH WATER FISHING RODEO, (starts May 1), Wewahitchka Jaycees Wewahitchka	
9 AM - 9 PM	INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITS (3), Local Indus- tries Port St. Joe	
9 AM - 9 PM	AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITS, Pine Grow- ers, Bee Keepers, Cattlemen, Farmers, Wewahitchka	
9 AM - 8 PM	ORGANIZED LABOR EXHIBIT, Com- bined Union Locals Port St. Joe	
9 AM - 8 PM	HELICOPTER RIDES, Port St. Joe Ki- wanis Club Port St. Joe	
9 AM - 9 PM	PATRIOTIC EXHIBITS (several), Ameri- can Legion Post 116 Port St. Joe, Wewahitchka, Mexico Beach	
9 AM - 8 PM	MIDWAY RIDES, Port St. Joe Kiwanis Club Port St. Joe	
9 AM - 8 PM	RECREATIONAL EXHIBITS (several), Anniversary Commission .. Mexico Beach	
9 AM - 8 PM	MEN'S SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT (about 60 teams), Port St. Joe Softball League.... Port St. Joe	
9 AM - 9 PM	SEAFOOD EXHIBITS, Seafood Industry Port St. Joe	
9 AM - 12 Tu. - Fri. 1:30 - 4 Th. - Su.	GREAT TIDE EXHIBIT (Historical por- trayal), Bay County Junior Museum, Inc. Panama City	
10 AM - 4 PM	AREA HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS (3), St. Joseph Historical Society Port St. Joe, Wewahitchka	
11 AM - 4 PM	ARTS and CRAFTS SHOWS (3 classes of shows), Gulf Art Association Port St. Joe	
11 AM - 4 PM	PLACEMENT FLOWER SHOW, Port St. Joe Garden Club Port St. Joe	

INFORMATION, COMMUNICATIONS, EMERGENCY
SERVICE, Port St. Joe - Gulf County Chamber of Com-
merce..... Port St. Joe, Wewahitchka, Mexico Beach

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

	All events listed above plus
8 PM	MISS GULF COUNTY BEAUTY PAG- EANT FINALE, Wewahitchka and Port St. Joe Jayceettes Port St. Joe

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

	All events listed above plus
9 AM	GRAND PARADE, Wewahitchka and Port St. Joe Jaycees Wewahitchka
9 AM - 8 PM	SCOTCH FOURSOME GOLF TOURNA- MENT, St. Joseph Bay Country Club Port St. Joe
9 AM - 9 PM	ANTIQUE BOTTLE and ARTIFACT SHOW, Northwest Florida Regional Bottle Club Port St. Joe
1:30 PM	NEW COURTHOUSE HISTORIC MARKER DEDICATION ADDRESS, by Hon. Richard "Dick" Stone, U. S. Senator, St. Joseph Historical Society..... Port St. Joe
3 PM	GRAND PARADE, Port St. Joe and Wewa- hitchka Jaycees Port St. Joe
After Parade	ANTIQUE CAR DISPLAY, Anniversary Commission Port St. Joe
6 PM	SKY DIVING SHOW (subject to weather), Anniversary Commission .. Wewahitchka
7 PM	ANTIQUE CAR AWARDS PROGRAM, An- niversary Commission Port St. Joe
8 PM	STREET DANCE, Wewahitchka Rotary Club Wewahitchka

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

	All daily events listed above plus
9 AM - 7 PM	SCOTCH FOURSOME GOLF TOURNA- MENT, St. Joseph Bay Country Club Port St. Joe
1 PM	SAILBOAT RACES, Mexico Beach Cham- ber of Commerce..... Mexico Beach
1 PM - 7 PM	ANTIQUE BOTTLE and ARTIFACT SHOW, Northwest Florida Regional Bottle Club Port St. Joe
1:30 PM	MOTO-CROSS MOTORCYCLE RACE, Wewahitchka Jaycees Wewahitchka

6 PM	GOLF TOURNAMENT AWARDS PRO- GRAM, Address by dignitary, St. Joseph Bay Country Club..... Port St. Joe
8 PM	NON-DENOMINATION RELIGIOUS PRO- GRAM, Gulf County Ministerial Associa- tion Port St. Joe

MONDAY, JUNE 9

	All daily events listed above plus
8 PM	NAME BAND COUNTRY WESTERN EN- TERTAINMENT, Port St. Joe Kiwanis Club Port St. Joe

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

	All daily events listed above plus
2 PM	3 RING CIRCUS, Port St. Joe Kiwanis Club Port St. Joe
8 PM	3 RING CIRCUS, Port St. Joe Kiwanis Club Port St. Joe

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

	All daily events listed above plus
9 AM - 9 PM	YOUTH BASEBALL TOURNAMENT, Dixie Baseball League Port St. Joe
10 AM - 3 PM	SHOOTING EVENT, Gulf Rifle Associa- tion Port St. Joe
12 Noon	MOTOR BOAT RACES, Mexico Beach Chamber of Commerce Mexico Beach

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

	All daily events listed above plus
9 AM - 9 PM	YOUTH BASEBALL TOURNAMENT, Dixie Baseball League Port St. Joe
	"WEWAHITCHKA CENTENNIAL DAY" Commemorating 100 years since the founding of THE CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA "Home of the famous Dead Lakes"
9 AM - 7 PM	OPEN HOUSE PRIMITIVE HOME, Wewa- hitchka Woman's Club Wewahitchka
9:30 AM	OLD COURTHOUSE MARKER DEDICA- TION, Address by a dignitary, St. Joseph Historical Society..... Wewahitchka
11 AM	WEWAHITCHKA CENTENNIAL HIS- TORIC MARKER DEDICATION, Address by a dignitary, St. Joseph Historical Soci- ety Wewahitchka
12 Noon	BIG FEED, Wewahitchka Jaycees Wewahitchka
5 PM	CENTENNIAL BEARD JUDGING PRO- GRAM & AWARDS, Wewahitchka Jaycees, Wewahitchka
7 PM	FRESH WATER FISHING RODEO AWARDS PROGRAM, Address by a digni-

tary, Wewahitchka Jaycees
..... Wewahitchka
Two more events are being planned for
this day.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

	All daily events listed above plus
9 AM	WATER SKIING CONTEST, Mexico Beach Chamber of Commerce Mexico Beach
9 AM - 9 PM	YOUTH BASEBALL TOURNAMENT, Dixie Baseball League Port St. Joe
1 PM - 6 PM	COUNTRY STORE, Wewahitchka Wo- man's Club Wewahitchka
2 PM	MOTORCYCLE RACES, Port St. Joe Ki- wanis Club Port St. Joe
7 PM	YOUTH BASEBALL AWARDS PROGRAM, Address by dignitary, Dixie Baseball Lea- gue Port St. Joe

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

9 AM -	SIDEWALK SALE, Wewahitchka Woman's Club Wewahitchka
10:30 AM -	COUNTRY STORE, Wewahitchka Woman's Club Wewahitchka
6 PM	FLEA MARKET, Wewahitchka Woman's Club Wewahitchka
10:30 -	LING DING FIESTA, Food and variety of entertainment, Mexico Beach Chamber of Commerce Mexico Beach
4 PM	ANTIQUE and JUNKTIQUE AUCTION, Wewahitchka Woman's Club Wewahitchka
6 PM	SKY DIVING SHOW (if weather did not permit on June 7), Anniversary Commis- sion..... Wewahitchka
7 PM	SALT WATER FISHING RODEO AWARDS PROGRAM, Address by dignitary, Mexi- co Beach Chamber of Commerce Mexico Beach
8 PM	SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT AWARDS PROGRAM, Address by a dignitary, Port St. Joe Softball League Port St. Joe
9 PM	GRANDE BALL (A Great Ending), Port St. Joe Rotary Club Port St. Joe

NOTE:

This brochure was planned in January, therefore there
may be minor changes in this calendar. More events are
in the planning stages.

Port St. Joe is in Eastern Daylight Savings Time.
Wewahitchka and Mexico Beach are in Central Daylight
Savings Time.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY RESERVATIONS REQUEST

TYPE OF RESERVATIONS: (Check One)

Hotel _____ Motel _____ Kitchen _____

Cottage _____ (Linens not furnished)

Campgrounds for (Check one)

Motor Home _____ Trailer _____

Tent _____ Other _____

Is your equipment self-contained? Yes _____

No _____

Number of People _____

Adults _____ Children: Boys _____ Girls _____

AREA PREFERRED (see back of panel)

Designate area preferred by 1, 2, 3.

Location and distance from activities

_____ Port St. Joe 0-25 miles

_____ Mexico Beach 0-20 miles

_____ Wewahitchka 0-25 miles

West

_____ Panama City 25-35 miles

_____ Panama City Beaches 50-60 miles

_____ Fort Walton Beach 80-100 miles

North

_____ Blountstown 25-50 miles

_____ Marianna 50-75 miles

_____ Tallahassee 75-100 miles

East

_____ Apalachicola 25-40 miles

_____ Carrabelle 50-75 miles

YOUR NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Phone _____ Zip _____

MAIL REQUEST TO:
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY HOUSING
COMMITTEE
Rt. 3, Box 161
Port St. Joe, Florida 32456
Phone 1-904-648-5328

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YOU ALL COME

The people of Gulf County and Mexico Beach extend to you a very cordial invitation to be a part of Gulf County's Golden Anniversary Celebration. Nine festive days, June 6-14, 1975, of fun, recreation, and educational activities.

Two and one-half years of planning and preparation by hundreds of citizens and dozens of area organizations promise to make our 50th Birthday Party the largest and most outstanding event of its kind to ever take place in this part of the state.

Fun for all. . .pomp, pageantry, parades, sports, beauty, arts and crafts, antiques, florals, religion, thrills and chills, patriotism, music, races and contests. . .For old or young, male or female, modern or old fashion. . .As a participant or a spectator. . .A wide variety of events assures you a life time of pleasant memories.

The friendly people of Gulf County and Mexico Beach unite in asking you to share with us our "hour of glory". See it all, hear it all, do it all, enjoy it all.

FOR YEAR ROUND ENJOYMENT

+ Constitution Museum + St. Joseph (T. H. Stone) Memorial State Park + Old St. Joseph Cemetery + Historical Markers + Camping Areas + Natural Scenic Beauty + Unspoiled Waterways and Woodlands + Deep Sea, Surf, Flats and Pier Fishing + Fresh Water Fishing + Crabbing + Floundering + Scalloping + Shell Hunting + Canoeing + Sail or Motor Boating + Swimming + Sunbathing + Dune Fun + Tennis + Bowling + Golf + Driving Range + Bird and Game Hunting (in season).



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